

College, Career & Life Planning



Most Important Factors in Admission Decision At Four-Year Universities

- 1. High School GPA or class rank**
- 2. Admissions Test Scores (Standardized Tests: SAT, ACT)**
- 3. Pattern of High School Coursework**
- 4. College Level Coursework in High School**
- 5. AP Course Enrollment/Grades**

**Source: Trends in College Admission 2000 (Breland, Maxey, Gernand, Cumming & Trapani 2001)
Based on Table 4.8 Average Importance of Various Factors in Admission Decision**

Note: The most selective Universities seek “well-rounded” students who have strong academic credentials and have demonstrated unique ability, commitment and leadership potential in their extracurricular and community activities.